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SUBJECT: TARIFF BINDING ON HORSEMEAT

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1. WE ARE UNABLE TO UNCOVER ANY SIGN OF "GATT UNDERSTANDINGS" REFERRED TO BY COLOMBEL (PARA. 3 REFTEL). THE EC
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COMMON CUSTOMS TARIFF (OFFICIAL JOURNAL VOL. 17 NO. L295

OF 11/1/74, P. 20) IMPOSES AN 8 PERCENT CONVENTIONAL (I.E. GATT) TARIFF ON HORSEMEAT. THE TARIFF ON LIVE HORSES FOR SLAUGHTER OF 4 PERCENT (P. 17) IS MODIFIED BY A FOOTNOTE STATING THAT "ENTRY UNDER THIS SUBHEADING IS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS TO BE DETERMINED BY THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES." THE INR FOR HORSEMEAT BELONGS TO ARGENTINA; FOR LIVE HORSES, TO POLAND AND YUGOSLAVIA.

2. DRAFT SCHEDULE LXXII, CONTAINING MODIFICATIONS RESULTING FROM THE ART. XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS, SUBMITTED TO THE GATT JULY 5, 1974, IS COMPLETELY CONSISTENT WITH THE CXT PUBLISHED BY THE COMMISSION.

3. IF EC OR FRANCE HAS "UNDERSTANDINGS" WITH OTHER SUPPLIERS OF HORSEMEAT, THESE DO NOT APPLY TO THE UNITED STATES. IN OUR VIEW, THE GATT BINDING AT 8 PERCENT FOR HORSEMEAT IS UNCONDITIONAL. COLOMBEL, IN FACT, SEEMS TO HAVE THINGS BACKWARD. ENTRY OF LIVE HORSES IS SUBJECT TO A CONDITION, WHILE THAT OF HORSEMEAT IS NOT.

4. IF EMBASSY OR MISSION CAN ENLIGHTEN US FURTHER RE "GATT UNDERSTANDINGS", WE WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE INFORMATION. INGERSOLL

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